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SUBJECT: VISIT TO U.S. BY ECUADOREAN INSTITUTE OF HIGHER STUDIES

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1. DEPARTMENT FULLY UNDERSTANDS EMBASSY DESIRE TO PROVIDE SUPPORT FOR IAEN U.S. STOPOVER. HOWEVER, THE NATURE OF THE STOP AND THE COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP MAKES ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT EXTREMELY DIFFICULT. IN PAST YEARS THE DOD HAS PROVIDED FINANCIAL AND LOGISTIC SUPPORT FOR THE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED GREATER MILITARY PARTICIPATION THAN PROPOSED FOR THIS YEAR; MORE IMPORTANT PREVIOUS VISITS INCLUDED STOPOVERS IN WASHINGTON AND ELSEWHERE WITH SUBSTANTIAL MILITARY CONTENT WHICH PROVIDED FIRM BASIS FOR DOD SUPPORT. IN VIEW OF PROPOSED ITINERARY, DOD CANNOT JUSTIFY SUPPORT FOR THIS VISIT. FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM THE DEPARTMENT WOULD HAVE TO COME
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FROM LIMITED CU FUNDS BUDGETED FOR ECUADOR WHICH WOULD

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BE INADEQUATE FOR A GROUP THIS SIZE AND WOULD EXHAUST FUNDS NEEDED FOR OTHER PREVIOUSLY PLANNED AND APPROVED HIGHER PRIORITY ACTIVITIES.

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THE VISIT WITH COUNCIL OF THE

AMERICAS AND THEY ARE PREPARED TO ASSIST ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22 WITH A MEETING AND RECEPTION WITH INTERESTED NEW YORK BUSINESS GROUPS. THE SPECIFIC CONTENT OF THE PROGRAM WITH THE COUNCIL WOULD DEPEND UPON A MORE DETAILED PRESENTATION OF THE COMPOSITION OF THE ECUADOREAN GROUP AND THEIR INTEREST.

3. SINCE NEW YORK STOPOVER IS ESSENTIALLY INCIDENTAL TO THE PROGRAM OF THE GROUP, DEPARTMENT SUGGESTS THAT YOU INFORM THE GOE THAT THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS UNABLE TO PROVIDE ANY FINANCIAL SUPPORT TO THE GROUP, BUT THAT THE COUNCIL OF THE AMERICAS IS PREPARED TO ASSIST WITH A PROGRAM ON OCTOBER 22, AND CU WILL ASSIST IN MAKING ARRANGEMENTS FOR UN VISIT AND SIGHTSEEING IF THIS IS DESIRED.

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